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To: The Deputy Secretary
From: ARA - Viron P. Vaky
Subject: Lists of Disappeared Persons in Argentina.

We have sent to Ambassador Castro in Buenos Aires the three lists of disappeared persons in Argentina with instructions to present them to the GOA. He will ask the Government to review the lists carefully to remove any names of persons who have been accounted for publicly. We will present the lists to Ambassador Aja Espil at the same time.

The groups which prepared these lists worked under difficult circumstances and without the resources or legal authority to authenticate or up-date them as new information has become available. We believe that the lists must contain the names of many persons who have been accounted for. Deputy Assistant Secretary Ralph Guzman noted an example of the problem of not keeping the lists up to date. A few years ago an ex-student of Ralph's, Olga Castillo Talamantes, was arrested in Argentina in the company of alleged "Tupamaros". She was badly mistreated by the Argentine authorities and her case became a cause celebre in university circles in the United States. Fortunately, she has long since been released and is living in the United States but her name is still listed among the "disappeared." We will urge the GOA to remove names such as hers to reduce the size of the lists to reflect the true number of the disappeared.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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